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Letter dated 18 March 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued on 18 March 2017 by the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the peaceful settlement of the armed conflict in Syria (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Islamic Republic of Iran, with the aim of ending the ongoing crisis in Syria and within the framework of its principled policy based on respecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Syria, finding a political solution to the crisis through intra-Syrian talks and objecting to the instrumental use of terrorism for political gains, has taken effective measures upon request of the Syrian Arab Republic in various political, humanitarian and antiterrorism areas, including sending humanitarian assistance to Syrian civilians.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, in accordance with the trilateral statement issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey on 20 December 2016 in Moscow, as well as the statement issued at the international meeting on Syria on 24 January 2017 in Astana, welcomes the peaceful settlement of the armed conflict in Syria and, together with the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey as guarantor States, will spare no efforts to guarantee the ceasefire regime in Syria, agreed to take effect on 30 December 2016.

The Islamic Republic of Iran will assist the Syrian Arab Republic in ensuring that the armed forces of the Syrian Government and the groups that have joined the forces upon request of the Government, in order to restore order and fight against terrorism in Syria, support the implementation of the ceasefire.

Terrorist groups mentioned in Security Council resolution 2254 (2015), including ISIL, Nusrah Front and their affiliated groups, are not subject to the ceasefire regime.